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Employing Implantation of
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of a Trench Isolation
Structure

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(Column 1)

(Column 2)

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))		

RATE	FEE
	\$
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL	

OR

OR

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RATE	FEE
	\$
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL	

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)

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(Column 3)

SMALL ENTITY

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OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	13	20	=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4	3	= 1
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ 25	=
X \$ 100	=
+ \$ 180	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$ 50	=
X \$ 200	= 200
+ \$ 300	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	200

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))			=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))			=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

OR

OR

OR

OR

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))			=
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))			=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))			

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OR

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RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X \$	=
X \$	=
+ \$	=
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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